City Reperts Wolume XXIIII No. 5 Reperts Pete Buttigleg, MAYOR

Dear Employees,

It's springtime in South Bend, and while Mother Nature is handing us a mix of conditions every week, our Department of Parks and Recreation reports that the Potawatomi Zoo and City golf courses are already seeing huge increases in visitors. There are tons of events and activities in our city this Spring.

I want to give you a preview of two initiatives we are developing to benefit quality of life in our city: changes to the Yard Waste Pickup Program, and the opening of a new Downtown police substation.

Soon, we will announce changes to the Yard Waste Pickup Program designed to reduce the intake of plastic in yard waste collected by the city.

Each year, the city collects huge amounts of yard waste from homes, and processes branches, grass, leaves, and woodchips at our Organic Resources Facility. This yard waste is then composted and sold or distributed.

But we also have to screen out, remove and recycle plastic bags that are collected with the yard waste, costing taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars per year in labor and tipping fees.

By moving to paper bags or standardized yard waste receptacles, we can benefit the environment and save taxpayer dollars, so we are working to develop the best way to achieve this goal. As this program develops, we'll communicate pro-

posed changes and how they could affect you.

Another important developing initiative in our city is the creation of a downtown police substation. It seems like each year we have more people coming downtown for shopping, dining, and entertainment.

From talking to citizens, downtown businesses, and shop owners, it's clear our city would benefit from a substation where it's easy to find police officers for help and information. My office is working closely with the South Bend Police Department to make this idea a reality.

In the storefront substation, officers will file reports, interact with residents, store equipment, and have a base as they walk and bike downtown. It's all part of the idea of community-oriented policing—bringing police officers and citizens closer together—and it will strengthen our great downtown.

These are just a couple initiatives underway as we work to make South Bend a better place to live, work, and play. Remember, if you have questions or concerns at any time; please call my office at 235-9261.

Sincerely,

Sincerely

Mayor Pete





Bike the Bend, Sunday, May 20

Bike the Bend is a celebration of family, friends and community where you can ride side by side with each other, on 30+ miles of vehicle restricted streets and trails, enjoying each other and the community. Bike the Bend 2011 had 1,926 riders, including 1,437 individuals riding with family. We expect over 2,700 riders for Bike the Bend 2012. Ride as little or as much as you like. There is breakfast from 7:00-10:30am and an After the Ride Festival from 9:00am - 2:30pm at St. Patrick's County Park. There are special events at The North-

ern Indiana Center for History/Studebaker National Museum, IUSB and Howard Park.

\$32 per adult rider includes: T-shirt if available, wrist-band, map and Summer of Fun 2012 Passport. Children 17 years and under ride free with registered adult rider.

See www.bikethebend.com for all the activities that will happen that day and to register. The Passport will give you discounts through next summer. Come join the fun! Call (574) 204-2458 for more information.

Citywide Anniversaries

May 2012

Becky Neese	40 Years-1972	Building Dept
John Firtl	35 Years-1977	Fire Dept
Thomas Nagy	30 Years-1982	
	25 Years-1987	
Richard Bourdon	•••••	Fire Dept
David Koehler		
Richard Kosmala		
Thomas Pennino		
Thomas Sheets		
Leon Stein		
Robert Allen		
Ronald Harper		
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	20 Years-1992	
Robert Monroe		Park Dept
Pam Helwig		Admin & Finance
Jonathon Davis		Street Dept
	15 Years-1997	
Rahman Johnson		
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Proudly Presents.... Steve Vaught's Summer Magic Camp 2012



Monday - Friday, 9:00-12:00 each day (drop off after 8:50, pick-up by 12:10) Session I: **June 11–15**, Session II: **June 18–22**, Advanced Camp: **June 25–29** At: O'Brien Recreation Center, 321 E. Walter Street. Ages: 8 And Up, Cost: \$85.00 Per Week

Lab Fee: \$15.00 (Collected the FIRST day of camp) to cover the cost of a custom magic kit (retail value over \$25.00) to be assembled during camp.

Course Description: This 15-hour course in magic and illusion is designed to give the beginner and advanced beginner the opportunity to explore a variety of types of magic tricks. Steve Vaught, one of northern Indiana's leading magic educators and a professional magician, will lead this fun workshop. Over a dozen tricks will be taught and practiced. Students will learn to do close up and stage magic with a magic wand, cards, rope, sponge balls, crayons and items students will make in the workshop. There will be a strong emphasis on presentation and performance, stage presence, and other aspects of showmanship. "Graduation" will include a show by the students for family and friends (date of show determined during camp).

If you have questions about camp, call Steve at 264-1975; email steve@steve-magic.com

Magic Camp Registration Form (Please complete all information requested below)			
Please circle your session of choice: I	II Advanced		
Camper's Name			
Date of Birth			
Address			
City/Zip			
Parent's Name			
Home Phone			
Cell/Work Phone	Emergency		
Contact & Number			

To register, fill out form and mail with a check for \$85.00 to South Bend Parks and Recreation, c/o Paula Garis, 321 E. Walter St., South Bend, IN 46614. Credit card payments accepted online at www.sbpark.org or by phone at 299-4765. Your payment will be confirmed with a receipt. Registrations taken on a first come, first served basis. You may register in person as well. No partial refunds given if student misses a particular class. Questions pertaining to registration should be directed to 299-4778. Please also check the web site for program/date changes. Thank you.

Strategic Energy Planning:

An Approach to Economic and Environmental Sustainability in Municipalities

The world is undergoing an energy and resource revolution. Over two billion people worldwide want to become a part of the middle class and are demanding things like nice homes, cars, warm showers, a steak dinner and an occasional latte. Globally, we must find ways to create twice as much energy for this growing demand by the end of the next generation. Moving into this future, the ways in which we produce energy must change along with our energy use habits.

In Indiana, we consume far more electricity per household than other Midwestern states and our energy is largely coal based and environmentally destructive. The chart below illustrates our average household energy consumption in Indiana compared to the rest of the Midwest. California and Maine are also included as examples.

Residential Average Monthly Electric Bill				
Michigan	666 kwh	10.75	\$71.58	
Wisconsin	710 kwh	11.51	\$81.71	
Illinois	765 kwh	11.07	\$84.62	
Ohio	910 kwh	10.06	\$91.50	
Indiana	1,036 kwh	8.8 7	\$91.94	
California	587 kwh	13.81	\$81.10	
Maine	521 kwh	16.20	\$84.47	

From this chart you can easily see that we pay the lowest rate and consume the highest amount. In California and in Maine, they pay almost twice as much and use about half the amount resulting in monthly bills that are less than we average here in Indiana. It is obvious that we have a consumption problem and that there is significant room for improvement.

Indiana Michigan Power has petitioned the IURC for a significant rate increase and will attempt to double their rates by 2018. If we follow the example of the residents of Maine, we could cut our energy use in half.

On Earth Day, the Indianapolis Star reported that "Indiana ranks fourth-worst in toxic air pollutants. The state's chromium, arsenic, cobalt, HCI, lead, mercury, selenium and nickel counts



An open pit coal mine

exceeded acceptable standards." In addition to the economic



Alberta, Canada Tar Sands Oil Recovery. Before: pristine land, and after - a giant waste dump

reasons mentioned above, we must consider the environmental damage that results from our use of coal based electricity here in Indiana. These pictures show the cost to the environment for us

to get our gasoline and electricity. To get oil out of the tar sands it takes half a barrel of oil in energy to get one barrel of oil. The land is destroyed in the process.

As far as city government goes, it is not hard to make a case for the doubling of energy costs between now and 2018 if we do nothing. If I&M raises their rates by 6 cents; if liquid fuels continue to increase at the rate of the last ten years and if natural gas increases 35% our city energy bill will increase from 7.1 million to almost 14 million dollars. At a time when future revenues to the city are projected to be flat or declining, we must see the urgency of reducing consumption now. Otherwise, how will we pay for energy in the future?

Many things can be done to conserve energy. Strategic Plans can be written, new equipment can be purchased; programs can be put into place but the most effective activity is a change in the way each individual perceives the importance of energy conservation and acts upon it. For example: The County-City building has glass on all four sides. Most days, the exterior offices do not need overhead lighting. If each office on the exterior of the building used a small task light instead of the large overhead lights, the entire building would save about \$25,000.00 per year. Also, if every copy machine, computer, printer and fax machine were completely shut down each night and weekend, instead of "hibernating", additional savings of about \$15,000.00 per year would be realized. This is over 500,000 kilowatt hours of electricity that will not have to be produced from our coal plants!

Specific ways to lower your carbon footprint and become a conserver rather than a consumer: find ways to use less: lighting, water, heat, air conditioning, and gasoline. Ride your bike! Shop locally, plant a garden, find ways to produce more of what you need, eat more vegetables, eat less meat, recycle and compost.

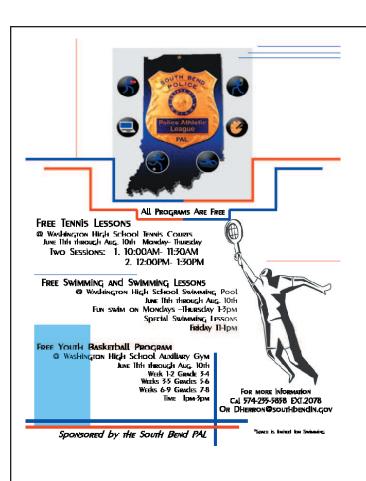
We must be personally accountable for the energy we use and make it our personal mission to spread the word. Here is how we do that: Set a goal to reduce energy consumption at home and in your work place and then crow about your success! Recycle everything! If you can't recycle it, don't buy it! Keep the thermostat set properly. Turn lights off! Engage co-workers about energy! Adopt a vision to be a conserver rather than a consumer. Be prepared to embrace the new energy economy. Act now! Your passion for change will be contagious!

For more information on Strategic Energy Planning or the South Bend Municipal Energy Office, see: Web: www.southben-din.gov/energy; Facebook: www.facebook.com/sb.energyoffice;

blog: <u>sbmeo.wordpress.com;</u> Twitter: <u>@sbmeo;</u> email: <u>energy@southbendin.gov</u>

submitted by **Jonathan Burke**, South Bend Municipal Energy Office





E-WASTE RECYCLING FEST 2012



Help the planet and clean out your offices, basements or closets by dropping off your unwanted electronics

Businesses and Organizations Drop Off Friday, May 11 9 AM - 2 PM

> General Public Drop Off Saturday, May 12 9 AM - 2 PM

IU South Bend parking lot at the corner of Mishawaka Ave. and S 20th St.

- Items collected free of cost
- Businesses and organizations should register at http://indiana.poweron.com/
- Members of the general public do not need register their drop-offs
- For questions, e-mail csfuture@iusb.edu or call 520-4429

Sponsored by:



Center for a Sustainable Future Recycling services provided courtesy of Apple Inc.

South Bend Blues & Ribs Festival June 23rd 12pm

Join us for some of the BEST blues, ribs, and good times, all to raise money and awareness for special needs facilities and programming. The gates open at noon at Coveleski Stadium.

Funds raised from this event will support the design and construction of Miracle Park, a uniquely designed facility for special needs individuals, and special needs programming within the South Bend Parks & Recreation Department.

Tickets \$20 in advance, \$24 the day of the event. See www.sbpark.org for more information.

2012 Kids' Triathlon

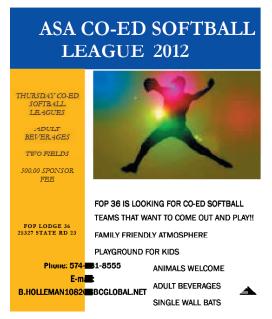
Saturday, July 28 for boys and girls ages 5-14. Race begins at 8:00 a.m., Potawatomi Park Pool.

Entry fee: \$22 by July 18. Register Early! O'Brien Center, 321 E. Walter Street, 299-4765 Registration forms are available on-line at www.sbpark.org

Volunteers are needed. If interested, call 299-4778 for details.



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Employees' Corner

Central Services

Our condolences to Jim Hurdt and his family (Radio Communications) at the loss of his father James Cecil Hurdt on April 3, 2012.

Congratulations to Jason & Kathy Nitz (Equip-

ment Services) on the birth of their daughter, Aubryn, who was born on April 14, 6 lbs, 14 oz. Big brother Amos just adores her and we can see why, what a little cutie pie!!!





Code Enforcement

Our deepest condolences go to **Liz Horton** and family on the death of her son, Kenneth Horton, who passed away April 14. Please keep Liz and her family in your prayers.

submitted by **Catherine Toppel**, Director A note from Liz:

On behalf of the family of Kenneth Horton, I would like to thank each and every one of you who said a prayer, made a phone call or a visit, attended the funeral services or made a food or financial donation during our time of Bereavement. The loss of a child is probably one of the hardest things a parent can experience. Thank you for your love and support during this time. Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers as we continue to grieve and try to move on. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Liz Horton

Common Council

Dieter and Ferlic Score Amazing Win! Council members Derek Dieter and Gavin Ferlic participated in the Fox 28 Golf Challenge with Dean Huppert and Allison Hayes. The Challenge was at South Bend's beautiful Elbel Golf Course. The 18th hole is a par 4, which has a hard dog-leg-left, with trees and water on the left, and bunkers guarding the green. Derek's monster drive split the fairway. Just off the green on their second shot, Gavin finessed a chip for a gimmie tip in par. Dean and Allison failed to convert a 5 foot putt for a bogey. You can put it on the board, it was a South Bend Council win. What is next for our amazing team?

submitted by Mary Beth Wisniewski

Engineering

The City's new Engineer, **Mi-chael Mecham**, has been an engineer for over 30 years, and loves music and fly fishing. He and his wife have come



from Bremerton, WA (across the bay from Seatle). They have a daughter and a son who are married and a daughter who is moving here. Welcome, Mike.

Environmental Services

Congratulations to our new engineer, **Jacob Klosinski**, and his wife Emily, on the birth of their daughter, Victoria Grace, March 6. She was 19.1" and 6 lbs. 3oz. She joins her brother, Callen, who is one.



Graduations

Essance Ward, daughter of **Sean Ward**, Job Leader of Sewer department, is graduating from Washington High School from the Medical Magnet Program on June 9. Essance was actively involved with the Gospel Choir of Washington High school. She is a 21st Century Scholar and has been in the Upward Bound Program all four years of high school. Her hard work and determination have paid off. She will continue her education in the fall at IUPUI in the medical field pursuing Pediatric Nursing. Best wishes and congratulations, Essance.

Evan Fredline, son of **Shannon Fredline** (Administration

& Finance) will graduate from Niles High School May 31. A member of the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow team that prepares and participates in timed engine building competions, he also has been racing his 1978 Ford Thunderbird at the Hartford Motor Speedway in the Pure Stock division for four years.



Evan will be attending the University of Michigan this fall majoring in Civil Engineering.

Attention!

City Reports is looking for graduates! If you have someone in your family who is graduating from high school or college submit their picture with a few lines telling us where they graduated, and what the graduate's future plans are.

submit to Marcia Qualls, Engineering Office.

Commencement Celebration Dinners at Morris Bistro Restaurant

The historic Morris Performing Arts Center in downtown South Bend is pleased to host its first commencement dinners to be held at the Morris Bistro Restaurant on the evenings of Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, 2012. Graduates now have the opportunity to celebrate the joyful occasion in grand style with family and friends at the magnificent Morris. The event each evening will feature delicious four course dinners with choice of appetizer, salad or soup, entrée and dessert.

Dinner prices range from \$40 to \$50 depending on entrée choice, plus beverages, taxes and gratuity. For reservations, call the Morris Box Office at 235-9190. The Box Office is open regular hours Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Morris website at www.MorrisCenter.org.

Even Geese Know the Morris is Magnificent

This weekend, during Blue Man Group at the Morris

Performing Arts Center, two Canadian geese tried so hard to get into the Box Office lobby to see the show!! Every time a patron opened the door they would try to cut in front of them!! The patrons loved it!! The only problem is the geese had bills but no tickets...our policy is everyone must have a ticket to get a seat



at the Magnificent Morris!!!

submitted by Karen King, Morris PAC

A Little Name Dropping...

Welcome March 2012

Resignations March 2012

Robert Nichols.....Engineering (3 yrs 11 mos)

E-mail Manners from Microsoft Office

E-mail is fast and easy, but we want to communicate well to each other and the public. Here are a few tips:

Use sentence case. USING ALL CAPITAL LETTERS LOOKS AS IF YOU'RE SHOUTING. Using all lowercase letters looks lazy. For emphasis, use asterisks or bold formatting to emphasize important words.

Keep messages brief and to the point. Just because your writing is grammatically correct does not mean that it has to be long. Nothing is more frustrating than wading through an e-mail message that is twice as long as necessary. Concentrate on one subject per message whenever possible.

Be informal, not sloppy. Your colleagues may use commonly accepted abbreviations in e-mail, but when communicating with external customers, everyone should follow standard writing protocol. Your e-mail message reflects you and your company, so traditional spelling, grammar, and punctuation rules apply.

Change of Pace March 2012

Derek Demske	from Heavy Equipment Operator I (Sewers) to Heavy Equipment Operator I (Street)
Brad Fuelling	
Jason Garrage	from General Labor (Streets) to General Labor (Sewers)
John Murphy	Administration & Finance from Director-City Finance to Deputy City Controller
Tony Nania	

Retirements March 2012

John Mehall	Fire (33 yrs 9 mos dedicated service)
Juvenito Paredes	Street (26 yrs 5 mos dedicated service)



For more information on the following events conta	act:
CENTURY CENTER	9711
COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME	5715
S.B.REGIONAL MUSEUM OF ART	9102
MORRIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	9190
PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT	299-4765
NOTRE DAME	631-5031
ST. PATRICK'S COUNTY PARK	288-3472
NO. INDIANA CENTER FOR HISTORY	235-9664
ST. IOE COLINTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS	291-4870

Century Center

5/2	Taste of Michiana, Life Treatment Centers
5/3	Annual Prayer Breakfast, United Religious Commu-
	nity
5/10	Age of Excellence Luncheon, Real Services
5/14	Acting Ensemble, "The Water Engine"
5/17	Mendoza Guitars Recital
5/19	Starlite Ball Gala, Dancesport on the Plaza
5/26	Night of Elegance, Parks/Martin Luther King, Jr. Cen-
	ter
6/1	Meet Me At The Falls, McDonald's Restaurants /
	KADA Partnerships
6/2	MFL Fight Night, Michiana Fight League
6/11	The Acting Ensemble
6/29	Meet Me On The Island, South Bend Museum of Art
	For more information visit www.centurycenter.org and
	click on Calendar of Events

The Morris Performing Arts Center

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5/5	MasterWorks IV – "The Toradze Studio," South Bend Symphony Orchestra
5/11	Trace Adkins, Country Music
6/1	Jerry Seinfeld - Back by Popular Demand
6/8	Kevin Hart "Let Me Explain" Tour
6/22	Dierks Bentley "Country & Cold Cans" Tour, Country

Save the Date for Fridays by the Fountain

Think great food, sunshine and fabulous music! Kennedy's Kitchen (Irish) 6/15 6/29 Chantilly Lace (Oldies) 7/13 Everyday People 7/23 Top Secret 8/10 Junior and the Igniters

The Steve Miller Band, Classic Rock

8/24 Jetta and the Jellybeans

6/28

8/31 IUSB Raclin School of the Arts

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Code Enforcement		
Common Council		5978
Communications	Debra Johnson	5853
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Engineering Department.	Marcia Qualls	9251
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Fire Department		9255
Football Hall of Fame	David Saba	5717
Howard Pk Sr Citizens	Rose Kaufman	9428
Human Rights	Nancy O'Brien	9425
Mayor's Office	Shay Davis	5850
Morris Perf. Arts Center	Karen King	5584
Park Department	Paula Garis	. 299-4768
Police Department	Barb Holleman	9311
Potawatomi Zoo	Pat Fenters	9800
Street Department	Ashley Rzepka	7563
Studebaker Nat'l Museum		
Water Works		
Water Works	Jodie Spradlin	5663

If you have anything you would like to put into the paper, either contact your reporter (above), or you can fax it (235-9171) or send a typed or neatly printed copy to Marcia Qualls (Engineering) or Mary Beth Wisniewski (City Clerk) Please do not send anything without a name and phone number in case we have questions.



Summer Classes

There are a number of classes for adults and kids, starting in June, so check out their website, www.southbendart.org.

South Bend Parks & Recreation This Summer

Now is the time to see what classes are available for this summer and sign up. Check their website for all the details: sbpark.org

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